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TAGS: CDES (STROH) (SIEDLE)
SUBJECT: FILES OF JUSTICE JONES' COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

1. MIKE GAIGER CALLED IN PERSON MARCH 27 AND SAID THAT LULE, ACTING MINISTER JUSTICE, TOLD HIM THAT MORNING HE HAS SEVEN DAYS TO LEAVE COUNTRY. GAIGER WAS PLANNING LEAVE SHORTLY ANYWAY, ON COMPLETION HIS CONTRACT TOUR, AND IS SEEKING JOB WITH IFC OR EEC. GAIGER SAID LULE GAVE HIM NO EXPLANATION FOR EXPULSION. HE PRESUMES IT IS SIMPLY BECAUSE HE IS BRITISH AND GOU WANTS TO UGANDANIZE HIS POSITION. GAIGER'S ACTUAL POSITION HAS BEEN SENIOR PRINCIPAL STATE ATTORNEY, NOT SOLICITOR GENERAL.

2. GAIGER BROUGHT WITH HIM THE COMPLETE ORIGINAL FILES OF JUSTICE JONES' COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO MURDERS OF STROH AND SIEDLE. THESE HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO GAIGER BY JONES PRIOR LATTER'S DEPARTURE FROM COUNTRY, WHICH GAIGER SAID HE HAD HELPED ARRANGE. GAIGER DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE THESE FILES BEHIND, AS HE ANTICIPATES SOMEONE WOULD DESTROY THEM AND INQUIRY MIGHT SOME DAY BE REOPENED. HE ASKED IF WE COULD TAKE THEM OFF HIS HANDS.

3. I DID SO, SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY. IN GAIGER'S OPINION THEY BELONG MUCH MORE TO JUSTICE JONES THAN TO GOU, SINCE THEY ARE HIS WORKING PAPERS AS COMMISSIONER, PLUS EXHIBITS, AFFIDAVITS, PHOTOS, CORRESPONDENCE, NEWS CLIPS, ETC. GAIGER PROMISED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH JONES WHEN HE REACHES UK TO ASK HIM IF HE NOW WANTS THESE FILES SENT TO HIM. GAIGER WILL SEND US INSTRUCTIONS IF JONES DOES WANT THEM. GAIGER PROMISED KEEP

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THIS MATTER BETWEEN JONES, HIMSELF AND THIS EMBASSY. I
BELIEVE JONES WILL WANT THEM; IN FACT, HE NEARLY ASKED US
TO SEND HIM THESE FILES IN WALES WHEN HE DEPARTED UGANDA
BUT IN THE END DECIDED TO LEAVE THEM WITH GAIGER.

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